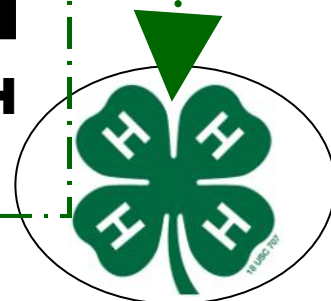




Clover Patch

Newsletter for Grant County 4-H
February 2013



DATES TO REMEMBER

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| February 5-9 | Watertown Winter Farm Show |
| February 7 | Horse Council Meeting @ 4:30 PM |
| February 9 | Northeast Calf Show @ Watertown |
| February 11 | Fruit Orders Due to Club Leaders |
| February 18 | President's Day—Office Closed |
| March 2 | Fruit Delivery @ Dakota Feed & Seed |
| March 3 | Winter Fun Day |
| March 9 | Power Project Day |
| March 23 | SD Leaders Conference, Aberdeen |

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Advisor Comments...

First off, I would like to extend a huge thank you to those who had a helping hand in making the Grant County Farm & Home Show successful. I had many comments from community members who were pleased to see several exhibits, especially crops. I already have my list made for some exciting additions to next year's Farm & Home Show.

The first part of January was a whirlwind with the Farm & Home Show then

attending Advisor Training in Mitchell. I'm very excited about implementing some new programs into Grant County 4-H.

For the past several weeks, it sure has been chilly which means we are that much closer to spring weather. Planning for the 4-H year has been under way at the office. Mark your calendars for Winter Fun Day and Power Project Day the beginning of March. More details are inside this

month's Clover Patch.

A few new things:

1. Lost your newsletter? Check on 4-H Online for this month's newsletter.
2. Heard of Pinterest or use it yourself? Grant County 4-H now has a Pinterest page where you can find out 4-H information or project ideas. Search: <http://pinterest.com/grantcountysd4h>.

Fruit Sales

Most of you are well on your way to selling fruit. Just a few reminders:

Monday, February 11th, the order blanks are to be turned into your club's coordinator. A summarized order blank is then due to the extension office on **Wednesday, February 13th**.

Fruit will arrive on **Saturday, March 2nd** at Dakota Feed and Seed. Each club will need to have two

representatives to help with unloading.

The money may be collected from the customer at the time of ordering, or when delivery is made. Money is due to your club coordinator by **Friday, March 8th** and one check from each club due to the extension office by **Monday, March 11th**.

Good luck this year selling fruit! If you have any questions, please call the office.

State 4-H Calendar of Events

March 1: State Fair 4-H Division Handbook distributed

March 23: South Dakota State 4-H Leaders Conference, Aberdeen

April 1:

- 4-H Scholarship applications due
- Market Beef 4-H green tags & verification affidavits due

April 6 – 11: National 4-H Conference

April 26 – 28: South Dakota 4-H Shoot

May 1:

- 4-H Youth Council applications due
- State 4-H Teen Leadership Conference early registration due
- Volunteer Insurance Form 7 and payment due from Counties
- South Dakota 4-H Rodeo Entry for Eligibility Due

June 1:

- Horse Safety Training (Form 1) due to County Offices
- Market Sheep, Goat and Swine; Breeding Beef and Sheep and Dairy Cattle green tags and verification affidavits due

June 3 – 7: State 4-H Teen Leadership Conference

June 15 – 23: Citizenship Washington Focus

July 1:

- State 4-H Horse Show entries due
- 4-H Volunteer Hall of Fame nominations due
- Market Swine YPQA Certifications due
- 4-H Livestock Breed Registration Paper Copies Due

July 23 – 25: State 4-H Horse Show

July 26: State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest

July 26 – 28: South Dakota Summer Spotlight

August 1:

- State 4-H Dog Show entries due
- State Fair Youth In Action Event Entries due
- National 4-H Congress applications due

August 16 – 18: State 4-H Rodeo Finals

August 29 – September 2: South Dakota State Fair

September 15: Community Service project reports due

October 9 – 12: Western Junior Livestock Show

4-H Livestock Update

Thank you to those who came out during the very cold temperatures to attend the Livestock Meeting, January 1st.

Things that were discussed:

- You can enter your animal's information on 4-H Online now. Login with your 4-H Online information. (If you do not know your login, please contact the office for assistance.) Click on 'Continue to Family'. Click on 'Edit' next to the member for whom you would like to add animal information for. Then,

click on 'Animals'.

- Ownership Affidavits are available online and at the office. Affidavits need to be turned into the office at the following dates:

Market Beef: March 29th

Other species: May 30th

Poultry & Rabbit: Prior to State Fair Entry

- Market Beef County Weigh-in will be held at Jay Meterns Family Farm on March 23 starting at 3 pm. Other weigh-ins will be held at a later date.

- If you weigh-in at the Northeast Calf Show, February 9th in Watertown, please stop by the office to inform Sara, pick up green tags and DNA envelopes, if you so choose to DNA your market animals.
- Remember, DNA only needs to be done if you are going to participate at the State Fair. This will also be done during county weigh-ins. It's \$6 for each envelope.
- If you can assist with county weigh-ins, please call the office.

Announcements...

4-H Leaders Conference

2013 Spring 4-H Leaders Conference "4-H 101: Back to Basics" will be **Saturday, March 23** in Aberdeen. The conference will be at the ARCC (Aberdeen Recreational & Cultural Center) from 8:30-3:30 pm. Session include: 4H Online, judging in foods & nutrition, posters & displays & livestock area, & more. Registration brochure coming soon.

SD 4-H Clubs Stampede Night

4-H and Sioux Falls Stampede Hockey are joining forces. SD 4-H Clubs Stampede Night vs. Omaha will be Friday, February 15th at 7:05 pm. In the Sioux Falls Arena.

Tickets are \$10. A form is available to fill out and submitted by **February 8th**, or you can call Bethany Meese at 605-336-6060 ext. 211.

Winter Fun Day

Come for a relaxing afternoon of playing BINGO on **Sunday, March 3** at the Visitors Center in Milbank beginning at 1:30 p.m. Each club is asked to donate three door prizes and donate \$25 toward a fruit prize that will be awarded during the games. The cost of the bingo cards will be \$5.

All 4-H families will be asked to help clean up when the afternoon is done. For more information, contact the office.

Apply for SD 4-H Scholarships

Youth who have at least five years of active membership in South Dakota 4-H and are current high school seniors or are enrolled in post secondary education are encouraged to apply for seven different South Dakota 4-H Scholarships.

Deadline is April 1st. For guidelines on how to apply or any questions, contact the Grant County 4-H Office.

AGR Presidential & Jackrabbit Classic

The Alpha Gamma Rho Presidential Classic, is scheduled for February 23 beginning at 12 pm and Jackrabbit Classic will be held February 24 starting at 9 am. Both shows will be held at the Swiftel Center in Brookings, SD.

The non-refundable per-head fee is \$25 for both shows, and due before **February 11th**.

For more information, contact the Grant County 4-H Office.

Power Project Days

Grant County 4-H Power Project Days is set for **March 9th from 9 a.m to 3 p.m.** at the Courthouse Community Room. Projects that members will be able to make are: Brush Bots, Lava Lamps, Hulu Hoop Weaving, Cupcake Decorating, and Decorative Jars.

Pre-registration form will be sent out at a later date in February.

Remember that you have to schedule to use the Community Room through the Grant County Auditor's Office (432-6711).

Any activities planned for the Courthouse Community Room on Monday nights, plan on starting at 7:30 p.m. or later.

"The essential thing is not knowledge, but character." - Joseph Le Conte

Junior Leaders Corner

(Remember, any member age of 13 and older can participate in Junior Leaders who participate in many fun and exciting activities and community service events throughout the year.)



In January, the Grant County Junior Leaders got together at Brenda Block's home to discuss the Junior Leaders Pop & Ice Cream Stand during the Farm & Home Show. It was reported great success and the Junior Leaders raised more funds then years past. Also, we would like each club representative involved in attending Junior Leader meetings.

Other items discussed were upcoming Junior Leader activities. There was discussion about possibly contacting St. Williams Care Center on joining forces to do a senior companionship program. Also, a Grant County Junior Leaders Facebook group was created. It's a way for the junior leaders to interact and share ideas on things to do. You can search Grant County 4-H Junior Leaders on Facebook and follow different Junior Leader activities.

Junior Leaders will be having a Concession Stand during Winter Fun Bingo Day. Check out our group page, under Events, and take the poll if you can volunteer or contact Brenda Block. We plan to meet briefly afterwards to discuss next month's gathering. Please continue to bring ideas to the meetings!

Officer Training is for every clubs President, VP, Secretary, Treasurer and Reporter and will be held March 16th at the Watertown Regional Center. There will be workshops about: ways to have a meeting flow better, note taking, and secretary writing, and also treasurer book keeping. This is a great way to meet other 4-Hers in your region and you will also utilize the technology to connect with the other regional centers. Signup at the Extension Office

INB is for kids 8-14 years old and will be March 23rd at Aberdeen conjoining with the state 4-H leaders meeting. It costs \$15 which is very reasonable for the activities we are doing throughout the day. Signup at the office to attend.

TLC is for kids ages 13-18 years old and takes place at the SDSU campus. We are planning on utilizing the campus more this year. Tracks consist of FCS, AG, STEM, and Leadership. The theme this year is "The Mystery Within" We will also be having an amazing speaker, John Beede. Here is a link to see a little of his presentation <http://www.climbonsuccess.com/>. The cost is \$200, but there are opportunities the county, leaders, and financial scholarships to cut the costs. Registration is due May 1st. This camp is open to NON 4-Hers too!!

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